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Bomb scare near Didsbury

Suspicious package found empty

BY JOSH SKAPIN

Didsbury Review

The RCMP Explosive Disposal Unit (EDU) was called to assist in handling what was suspected to be an explosive attached to a rail tanker car two km north of Didsbury Nov. 28.

What is being described by police as a 12 cm x 12 cm x 12 cm white cardboard box was found by train crews during a routine inspection of a string of 13 propane tanker rail cars at approximately 11:45 p.m.

"All trains are inspected, even while en route," said spokesperson for CP Rail Breanne Feigel.

"If one train passes another, the crew from the train that's not moving will watch and inspect the cars...this is a case of the crew following proper protocol, prior to moving that tank car."

"They were inspecting it the way they inspect all cars, and in this case, they noticed the package."

Upon examination by Didsbury RCMP and CP Police, the EDU was contacted and consulted on their finding.

"They described what we had on the scene: what it looked

like, and what it appeared to be," said Sgt. Patrick Webb.

In case the package was carrying an explosive, the train car was moved to what Webb describes as a more isolated area.

"They moved it to an area where if it was an explosive device and it did go off, it would have been relatively harmless," he said.

The EDU used a remote control robot and a high pressure

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SGT. PATRICK WEBB

hose, called a disruption unit, to handle the package.

"Basically it blows it apart really fast," said Webb.

"If there is an explosive device it destroys it. It destroys the thing so fast that it cannot go off."

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Police discovered nothing from inside the package to be considered explosive or dangerous, said Webb.

Presently, the debris is being examined by the EDU, trying to determine the significance of the package.

"We're trying to determine where it came from, what it means. Is it a prank? Is it a hoax? How was this done and where was this done?"

Webb says the package could have been attached to its location minutes before it was found or weeks before it was found.

Incidents involving packages attached to trains are extremely rare, said Webb.

"It's the first one I've heard about," he said. "They are very, very rare."

"...we treat each and every one, as a possible explosive device, basically, because we don't know what it is."

Feigel agrees, saying CP's dealing with similar incidents have been infrequent.

"Our message is that people should think seriously about such a hoax," she said.

"Because there are very serious penalties."



Carla Victor/Didsbury Review

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS — The Christmas spirit was alive and well in Didsbury for the Country Christmas event, Nov. 30. People enjoyed horse drawn wagon rides through downtown and were treated to a visit with Santa and his reindeer, yummy treats and great shopping deals to start the season off right.

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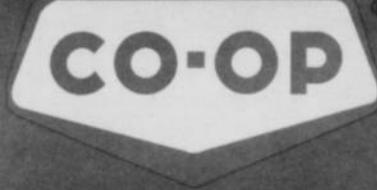
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Didsbury tops in Choosewell challenge

BY JOSH SKAPIN
Didsbury Review

For the second year in a row, Didsbury finished first in its population category of a provincewide fitness challenge running from May 1 to Nov. 15.

The Choosewell challenge has been active for three years, with Didsbury being involved for its past two, also winning in its category last year. The strong showing means an award of \$2,000, which will be used for programming in the town's recreation department.

"It's not why you do it," said Byron Sayer, facilitator for the program and Town of Didsbury Manager of Recreation regarding the repeat victory.

"But it shows that some of these programs are working."

Didsbury competed in population class three, which measured them

against towns including Olds, Innisfail, and Ponoka.

This year's registration count for Didsbury was at 240 people, which is slightly above last year's turnout.

However, Sayer says, the number of people that actually participated in the challenge jumped approximately 30 percent this year.

The basis of the challenge focuses on locals committing to physical fitness, and journaling their daily activities.

Many of the town's recreation programs, including ball hockey, basketball, and volleyball were promoted in collaboration with the challenge.

While the Didsbury initiative involves a promotion of year-round physical activity, the Choosewell challenge puts an emphasis on the exercise during the less-structured summer months.

"I think it brings an awareness," said

Sayer.

"The biggest feedback I have received has been on logging their daily activities. "All of a sudden if you don't log anything for three days, you look at your sheet, and you become very aware of what you're doing."

"It brings that awareness."

Didsbury's participants included

everyone from ages six to 65-plus.

Sayer says next year's challenge will place a greater emphasis on attracting youth, in addition to promoting healthy eating.

The Choosewell Challenge incorporates 124 municipalities from across the province.

Health regions trying to contain mumps outbreak

BY LEA SMALDON
Didsbury Review

Area residents who are between the ages of 17 and 26 are being strongly encouraged to get vaccinated for mumps to help contain an outbreak of the viral infection that is spreading throughout the province.

So far this year, the disease has infected 38 people in the Chinook Health Region, while a further 21 suspected cases have not been confirmed.

There have been 57 cases to date in the Calgary Health Region - 43 since October.

David Thompson Health Region officials confirmed the first three cases in that region last week.

"Mumps disease can have serious consequences and it is important for people in the target groups to make sure they're doing all they can to protect themselves," said Dr. Judy MacDonald, deputy medical officer of health for the Calgary Health Region.

All health regions in the province have been advised by the province to carry out mumps vaccination programs starting with people born in 1970 or later who attended a post secondary institution.

It is this age group and the fact that they are in an environment where they are likely to be in close quarters sharing personal items that places them in the high-risk category for catching mumps if exposed.

In Alberta, those under 17 years of age have been offered two doses of Measles, Mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine in childhood as part of the routine immunization program.

Health officials say they are assuming that the major-

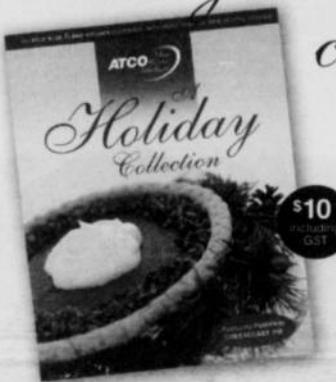
mumps-containing vaccine and should not share anything that has been in contact with another person's saliva.

The disease, for which there is no specific treatment, spreads through direct contact with respiratory droplets from the nose or throat of an infected individual.

Mumps is a viral illness that results in fever, respiratory symptoms, swelling and tenderness of one or both of the glands located in front of the ears and below the cheekbones. Symptoms appear two to three weeks after contact with the virus.

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IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN THIS POSSIBILITY, OR FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE MIDWAY COMMUNITY SCHOOL, PLEASE CALL JENNIFER AT 335-9182.

Sentencing in dog abuse case postponed

BY JODI STYNER
AND DAN SINGLETON
MVG Staff

Daniel Charles Haskett was back in Didsbury Provincial Court Nov. 19 to answer to animal abuse charges.

Haskett had entered a guilty plea to the charges at an earlier court date and sentencing was postponed pending pre-sentence and psychiatric reports.

The sentencing was scheduled to take place in October, but Haskett's lawyer removed himself as counsel, and sentencing was rescheduled for last week.

Haskett was not present in court on Nov. 19, but his new lawyer, Allan Pearse, attended as his agent.

Pearse asked for a three week adjournment so he could obtain,



and review, crown disclosure in the case. His request was granted.

In an interview following the Nov. 19 court session, Pearse said he has not yet formatted his specific plans for the case.

"I've got to get up to speed on the file," he said.

"I was only recently hired and I need to review the file. I have to call the assigned Crown prosecutor and I have to get a disclosure package."

While not speaking of the Haskett case specifically, Pearse explained that once a guilty plea is registered by the court it remains in place until "there is an application to get rid of it, an application to vacate it."

Haskett is scheduled to return to Didsbury Provincial Court Dec. 10 for sentencing.

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Opinion

Commentary Keep the Santa spirit alive

BY JOSH SKAPIN
Didsbury Review

WARNING: The following editorial is intended for readers above the age of seven.
Discretion is advised.

In my time, I have had my share of disappointment.

Much of that heartbreak has come through failed relationships. But little has matched the disappointment I experienced through information I discovered about a man whose wardrobe was dominated by holiday red.

Sometime last week, while on the job in Didsbury, I encountered a young man that appeared to be no older than five or six.

Casually I asked him, what many adults ask people of that age group around this time of year: what are you asking Santa Claus for Christmas?

He looked up at me, with big enthusiastic eyes, and I anticipated some sort of youthfully oddball answer such as the item that commonly appeared on my wish list, an alligator.

His lips curved into a smirk, and he replied, "Santa isn't real."

"Santa isn't what?" I asked, hoping I misheard what he had to say.

"Mom is Santa," the boy quickly became impatient with my naivete.

Mom is Santa, wow. Having talked to others in town about my experience, I quickly learned that a young person becoming wise so early, seems to be an isolated incident.

There are many things involving youth to be more concerned about than their belief in a white-bearded gift-giver during the last month of the calendar year, but there is something about it that I found discouraging.

Perhaps it takes me back to my discovery.

I remember the weeks leading up to my finding, like it was yesterday.

There was classroom buzz - rumours and innuendo after David, the boy that sat next to me in math class, initially suggested the fraud.

Then, I noticed those nightly phone calls my mom made to Santa, updating him on my status of naughty or nice.

As I became suspicious, I listened carefully, hoping to hear the voice on the other end of the call.

What I heard was a nasally, female voice, "please hang-up and try your call again. If you need assistance, dial your operator. Please hang-up now."

My mom said the jolly fella hung up when he suspected I was listening in.

Oh boy.

Before I knew it, it was the morning I had looked forward to all year long.

Sprinting out to the living room where the Skapin family kept our proud Christmas tree,

I grabbed for the first package that had my name on the label.

It was big, and brightly wrapped, my mind raced with the possibilities of what could be inside, when...wait a minute.

The label wasn't written in the penmanship one would expect from a male in Santa's age range.

It was flowery, feminine and familiar.

On a nearby end table sat a stack of cards that my family intended to distribute to my grandparents and cousins later that day. My name had been signed by mom.

I grabbed one of the cards and held it next to the label on my gift. I don't pretend to be a handwriting expert, but it was easily a match.

That sparked an investigation that connected my parents to incidents involving a bunny and a fairy.

I knew their actions were filled with the best intentions. My hope is that Santa can stay with children and their imagination for as long as possible - or, prior to the point where it becomes unhealthy and strange.

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Are We Free?

MARGARET FRADLEY

Recently, I read an allegory of a cave, where men had been chained all their lives in the darkness of this cave. The only light was a fire behind them, which cast weird shadows before them. When one of the men escaped, and saw the outside world, he returned to the cave to share the good news with his fellow prisoners. He was greeted with disbelief and even hostility, preferring to cling to their own familiar surroundings.

This tale had a real impact on me, as I began to wonder, if some of our 'comfort zones' could be keeping us from living a freer life.

How to tell if taxpayers got a bad deal

SCOTT HENNIG

Negotiations and their eventual agreements are supposed to be win-win propositions. But not always - if you walk into a car dealership, buy a used car, and as you drive away see the car salesman high-five his colleagues and booking a Caribbean cruise - you know that negotiation was anything but win-win.

Even if you know nothing about the unfunded liability in the teachers' pension plan, it's not hard to tell if Premier Stelmach got a good deal for taxpayers in his government's new \$2.2-billion (2,200-million dollars) so-called "deal" with the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA).

"This is a good deal for teachers," said ATA local 6 union president Ron Boyce.

"The stars are aligned. This is the best deal," said Sharon Armstrong, ATA Central North District Representative.

"(O)ur profession has much to celebrate. Collectively, we have achieved our long-standing goal of ensuring the financial security of our pension plan at a reduced cost to members," said ATA president, Frank Bruseker, in a post-agreement letter to teachers.

These are the union equivalents of the used-car salesman happy-dance.

In fact, it was so clearly a great deal for teachers that over 90 per cent of ATA representatives voted in favour of ratifying the new agreement.

So, was this a win-win? How did the Stelmach government do representing

taxpayers in this "negotiation"?

Some have suggested by paying off the unfunded liability sooner rather than later, taxpayers will see savings, thereby making this deal a good one. While it is true paying off this debt sooner will save money, there's nothing in this agreement with the ATA that says the government will pay it off, merely that taxpayers are taking over the teachers' payments. More importantly, there was nothing stopping the government from paying off the taxpayers' portion (\$4.4-billion) earlier or setting up an unfunded liability retirement account, like they did for the provincial debt.

In exchange for assuming what's essentially the equivalent of a new \$2.2-billion debt, taxpayers got five years of no teacher strikes, guaranteed no change in instructional hours, and linked teacher wages to the Average Weekly Earnings of Albertans index.

What's no teacher strikes worth to taxpayers?

Undoubtedly teacher strikes are disruptive to student learning and parental schedules, and put pressure on our school boards and government to increase their contract offer to teachers. This is especially true if strikes happen en masse.

The Stelmach government was right to want a no-strike guarantee, but should have obtained this guarantee by following the same example set for doctors, nurses and some emergency workers, and make strikes illegal. Thirty-seven of the 50 U.S. states have

done the same and banned teachers from striking.

This would have cost taxpayers \$0.

What's no change in instructional hours worth to taxpayers?

A reduction in instructional hours could be costly to taxpayers, as more teachers would have to be hired to complete the curriculum. However, this too could be solved through government legislation. The government has a right to mandate a certain number of hours be met and be non-negotiable.

This again would cost taxpayers \$0.

What's linking teacher wages to an index worth to taxpayers?

The agreement links teacher wages to the Average Weekly Earnings of Albertans index for years two through five of the deal. Between 2002 and 2007 teacher wages went up, on average, by 3.1 percent per year, whereas the Average Weekly Earnings of Albertans index increased by 2.8 percent per year. Considering nearly 80 per cent of school board budgets are consumed by teacher salaries and benefits, any savings there would translate into some savings for taxpayers. With four years of indexed wages, taxpayers may see savings of around \$100-million (\$0.1-billion) total.

Final assessment: costs to taxpayers - \$2,200-million, benefits to taxpayers - \$100-million.

The numbers don't lie, the Stelmach government signed one lemon of a deal for taxpayers.

Scott Hennig is Alberta director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation

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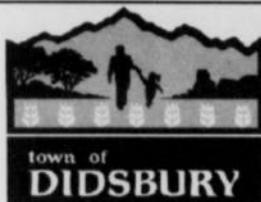
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PUBLIC MEETINGS & NOTICES

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Tuesday, December 18, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday, December 5, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. Council Chambers

Wednesday, December 19, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. Council Chambers

DIDSBUY LIFELINE SOCIETY:

Monday, December 10, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. Council Chambers

The Town Office will be closed the second Friday of every month from Noon to 1:00 pm (December 14, 2007)

NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT PERMITS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS:

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HO 06-07	1402 - 20 Avenue	General Contractor with conditions	RC
HO 08-07	1509 Mary Place	Music Studio	R2
HO 10-07	2025 - 24 Avenue	Auto Detailing with conditions	R2

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue or by calling 335-3391. Person(s) wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the Secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on **December 18, 2007**.

Robert Wigg, Development Officer

Notice: According to Bylaw 95-01 (the Building Permit Bylaw), the Town of Didsbury may charge double the permit fees if unauthorized work, including excavation, has been started before the issuance of a permit. Please remember to apply for all appropriate permits including development, building, electrical, gas and plumbing. Permits are required for such projects as Single Family Dwellings, garages, sheds over 144 ft², woodstoves, commercial building change of business, etc. If you're unsure if you require a permit, please call 335-3391.

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF DIDSBUY PROPOSED BYLAWS

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Didsbury Council has granted first reading to the following bylaws:

Bylaw 2007-26 Fireworks

Bylaw 2007-26 regarding the prohibition of fireworks in the Town of Didsbury limits.

Bylaw 2007-27 Prohibit the Discharge of any Projectile Device

Bylaw 2007-27 regarding the prohibition of discharging any projectile devices which require air pressure, spring power or other mechanical aperture to discharge a projectile from a barrel in the Town of Didsbury limits.

Bylaw 2007-28 Prohibit the Injurious Occupation of Property

Bylaw 2007-28 regarding the prohibition of injurious occupation of property in the Town of Didsbury limits. *Injurious Occupation* means any activity which in the opinion of a Peace Officer having regard for all the circumstances including the time of the day and nature of the activity, is likely to unreasonably cause disturbance, injury or annoyance to persons or property.

Prior to the granting of second and third readings, the public are invited to submit any comments and concerns to the Municipal Clerk on or before 12 Noon on December 12, 2007. These comments and concerns will be presented to Council at the December 18, 2007 Regular Council Meeting for review prior to granting second and third readings.

The public may inspect a copy of the proposed Bylaws at the Town of Didsbury Municipal Office, 2037-19 Avenue, during regular office hours 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday or by visiting to the Town of Didsbury website www.didsbury.ca under "what's new".

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DATE OF SECOND PUBLICATION of this notice: December 11, 2007

Luana G. Smith
Municipal Clerk

Attention Utility Rate Payers

As of December 1, 2007 the winter rates for sewer come into effect. The new rate is 56.5% of your water usage. This will be in effect until May 31, 2008. All other charges will remain the same.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS - CATERING

The Town of Didsbury requires an individual or group to provide catering needs to the Town of Didsbury for various meetings and special events. The catering needs are not on a day to day basis but as needed.

Examples of Catering Requirements:

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Please forward your proposal to:

Luana Smith
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS JANITORIAL SERVICES

The Town of Didsbury invites proposals for the contract of Janitorial Services for the Town of Didsbury. This contract will be for the Year 2008 with possibility of extension.

The successful contractor will be responsible for the cleaning of the Town Office and Telus (Planning & Development) buildings.

For questions on the proposal, please contact Brian Wasko at 335-3391 or by email: bwasko@didsbury.ca

Please submit proposals to: Luana Smith, Municipal Clerk
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Email: ismith@didsbury.ca

Deadline for submission is December 7, 2007

NEW BLACK & GREEN BIN PICK UP SCHEDULE

The schedule for Compost Green Bin and Garbage Black Bin pick up has changed. A new schedule from November 2007 to March 2008 will be included in the November utility billing.

DECEMBER 2007

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LEGEND:

COMPOST (GREEN BIN)

GARBAGE: (BLACK BIN)

NO PICK UP: X

Thank You

Thank you to all who participated in the Japan Exchange Trip Grey Cup Fundraiser.

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BY KATARINA GRAVES
Eyes on Westglen

Hi, my name's Kat. I attend Westglen School and I'm in Grade 8. I've always had a love for writing so it was a real honour to be chosen to write this column. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I will writing it. Now on with the article...

November's hectic schedule began with a Remembrance Day Ceremony commemorating lives lost and celebrating the bravery and heroism of those who fought in the war. Several students recited the poem "In Flanders Field"; the Grade 8 band, headed by Mrs. Biggin,

played a selection of music including such pieces as "Of Gentle Spirit", "God Save the Queen" and "O Canada". Several war veterans were present and overall the ceremony was a success and the students were an attentive audience.

Westglen commenced its 20th birthday festivities on Friday Nov. 16, by holding an 80's day, where students were invited to dress 80's style. In the evening there was a dance, it was a fun event; the decorations featured 80's TV shows and singers such as Miami Vice, Madonna and The Bangles. Eighties tracks like "Walk like an Egyptian" were played and students danced the night away in big hair, leg warmers and tacky colors. We'd really like to thank the Leadership Committee and Ms. St John for all the hard work and effort they put into this.

The following week celebrations continued with trivia questions for staff and students, cake for everyone and prizes for those with correct answers. I'd also like to thank Mr. Green for putting together all the questions and answers.

The Wildcat volleyball team's recently completed their season, and all three teams played great games and finished with winning records! We're proud to have you guys representing Westglen. And now it's time to get geared up for basketball season!

Each month I'd like to introduce you to one of Westglen's hard working staff members.

As Westglen is celebrating its 20th year in existence it seemed fitting to feature a teacher who has been here since the school opened its doors in 1987.

This particular lady was my own grade five homeroom teacher and has taught in both Didsbury and Cremona, the lady I'm talking about is Mrs. Pam Whitlow. She was born in Montreal, went to school in Calgary and Didsbury and got her degree at the U of C. When asked what made her decide to become a teacher she said she couldn't remember a time when she didn't want to teach, she loves spending time with children and the variety that comes with each day. I inquired about what life lessons she had learned from her teaching experiences, she told me that it was important to never jump to conclusions about why people do what they do or think what they think, and always try to find out the background of someone, and understand what their going through before mak-

ing a statement or judgement and that it was also important to gain empathy. Mrs. Whitlow also shared one of her many amusing stories with me, it was a regular school day and she was out in the corridors when she spotted one of her students at his locker, but when first period rolled around he was missing from class, she was rather miffed. Later on when she saw him again she asked him why he didn't come to class and he explained rather sheepishly that when he had taken his coat off he realized he was still wearing his pyjamas!

Finally, on another note, report cards are coming out this week and tension is in the air, even teachers are stressing! But not to worry teachers, the Leadership team has a little something up their sleeve! Stay tuned for more!

Letter to the editor

Development department needs to change its thinking

Dear Editor:
I would like to publicly ask some questions of the residents of Didsbury.

What does the Development and Planning Commission of Didsbury mean to you as the taxpaying residents of Didsbury?

Do they represent you and your best interests, or even that of the Town of Didsbury?

I ask you this as other concerned residents and I attended the planning commission meeting on November 21, 2007 and left this meeting feeling as though our planning and development officers represent the interests of developers and also appear to apply the processes under their control as they would best suit some developers and not us, the taxpaying residents of Didsbury.

How can there be open and honest input from adjacent landowners when information is withheld and time is not allotted for open and honest discussion, when you do not have all the information, or pertinent questions have not been answered?

Limited discussion was allowed but without all information available to all parties it was mostly meaningless. We were told that a decision was to be made that night, and that the taxpaying residents have no recourse or appeal process to that decision. That statement "the tail wagging the dog" comes to mind.

Are we not governed by a democratically elected town council, and have the rights of freedom of speech and freedom of information?

I feel that in the very best interests of all taxpaying residents of Didsbury that our duly elected representatives take back control of the bureaucracy and administration of our town. In a democratic society there are residents of Didsbury, elected residents of Didsbury, and then there are the employees of the Town of Didsbury; I would hope that we all place the best interests of Didsbury first and foremost. Development of Didsbury should not be based mainly around money and taxes and for the greed of developers. Let's build a quality of life based on people that want to reside here, not a select few people with money exploiting our town mainly in the name of making money and profit. Thank you.

Ric Wohlgemuth
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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- They ___
- Female parent
- Russian monarch
- Maple genus
- Amrit gland: ___ lary
- Athapaskan
- More cunning
- People who inhabit a community
- Sums up
- Norse god of thunder
- Rhub ___: pie fruit
- E. Humperdinck classic
- Wild oxen
- Not wet
- Chows down
- Chronic tropical disorder
- Set of principles or rules
- A small island
- Herb teas
- An elderly person
- Biblical name for Syria

8. A fortified wine
38. Indigo bush
39. Sandy piece of seashore
40. 30 - 300 gigahertz
41. The sound of a bagpipe
42. Part of a T. Williams title
43. A tube in which a body fluid circulates
44. Appendages found on grass bracts
45. 1st fixed capital of Japan
46. Anthems nobilis
47. Typical geese
48. Cut with the teeth
49. Freshwater duck genus
50. Billiards rods
51. Glimpsed
52. Porcinos
53. Intermediate, between high and low

CLUES DOWN

- In a sour way
- Della ___ singer
- Make a mistake
- Large heavy knives
- Self-evident truths
- Bishop's hat
- Boxing icon Muhammad
- Healer
- Common solar design
- Calendar month (abbr.)
- Beam out
- 1950 Nobel Chemist Kurt
- Reddish-brown chalcedony
- Zigs and
- Hebrew letter
- The longest division of geological time
- What a sovereign does
- Visionary
- Photographers
- Small amounts
- Alternate spelling Iraq
- Drool
- Frankness
- Herac ___: Byz. Emperor 641 AD
- Sediment in a liquid
- In addition
- Pendulous neck skin
- Rubbed out
- Pays for services
- Be afraid or scared of
- American state
- Blabs
- Ed Murrow's network
- Go quickly
- A waterproof raincoat
- Kenny Chesney won their top award



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Police Briefs Nov. 22- Nov. 29

BY JOSH SKAPIN
Didsbury Review

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2007
They also found the man had warrants out for his arrest.

11-25 - While conducting a traffic stop, police encountered a male driving a vehicle with a plate that was reported stolen. The man was also missing his driver's licence and vehicle registration.

11-25 - Report of an abandoned vehicle near Water Valley on Hwy 579.

11-25 - Report of a young cat found dead in a yard in Carstairs.

11-25 - Report of a possible impaired driver swerving all over Hwy 587. The driver was stopped and police say had just returned from a long hunting trip and said he was over-tired.

11-25 - Complaint of an abandoned vehicle on the shoulder on Hwy 2A. The car was reportedly interfering with traffic.

11-27 - Complaint of a threat via text messaging - cellphone.

11-27 - Complaint of an accident involving a deer and a vehicle on Hwy 2A.

11-27 - A computer was stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked at the Didsbury Memorial Complex. The computer was later recovered.

11-27 - Report of an accident involving a vehicle and a deer.

11-27 - Report of an accident involving a truck and a deer near Didsbury.

11-28 - Complaint of a man riding a bicycle on the edge of the shoulder next to traffic, because the shoulder was covered in snow along Hwy. 2.

11-28 - Report of inactive dynamite found while digging at a site near Didsbury.

11-28 - Complaint of cattle on Hwy 582.

rollover near Cremona. All passengers were taken to a Calgary hospital for treatment of their injuries.

11-23 - A man was spotted acting intoxicated while standing near a mailbox in a rural area near Carstairs. Police were unable to locate the subject.

11-24 - Complaint of a child being handed a shotgun shell from another child in Carstairs. No guns were involved in the incident.

11-24 - Report of a man driving through Didsbury in a state that led witnesses to believe he was intoxicated. Police caught up with the subject and charged him with driving while under the influence of alcohol.

11-24 - Report of hunting on land without the owner's permission. Witnesses heard shots fired.

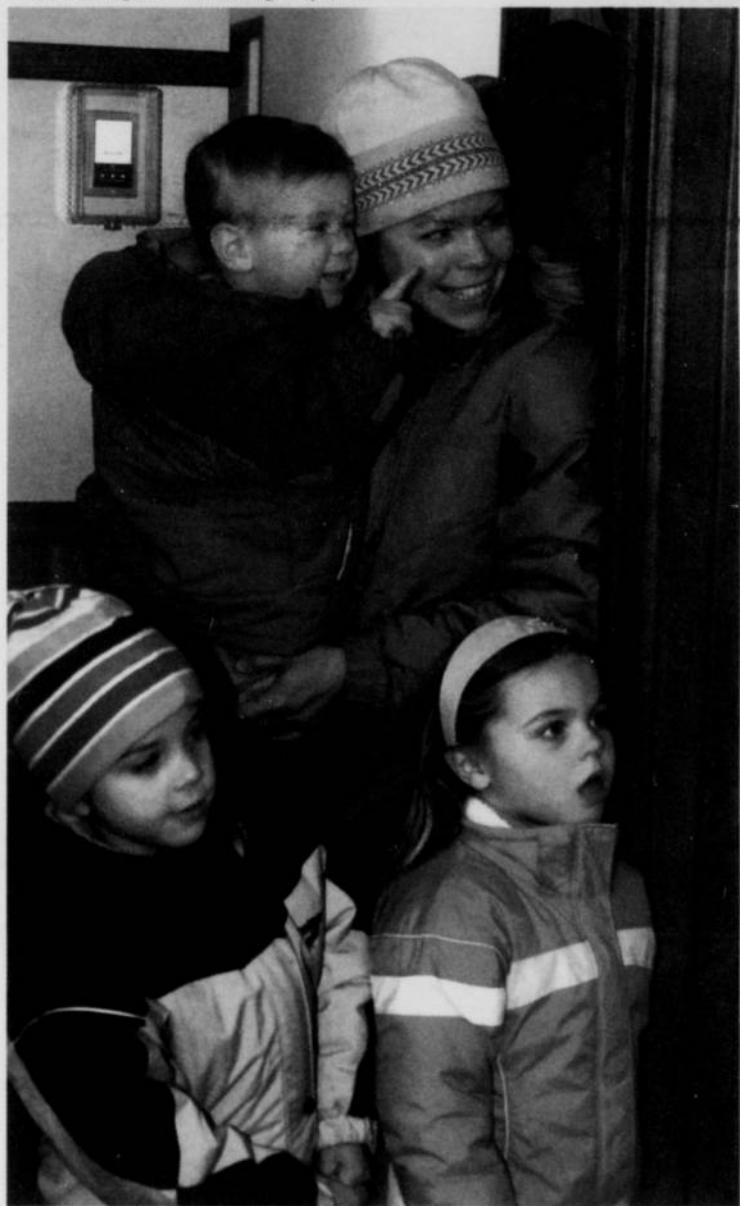
11-24 - Complaint of people dumping garbage in front of a rural residence near Didsbury.

11-24 - Complaint of an abandoned vehicle with damage. Witnesses suspected it had been in an accident.

11-24 - Complaint of a female hitting a cow while traveling Hwy 582.

11-24 - Report of youths wearing hoodies, throwing rocks at a house in Carstairs.

11-24 - RCMP conducted a roadside stop when they found a male that had been drinking while travelling Hwy 582.



I SPY SANTA - Faces light up as Kai Biggin, 2, held by his mom Heather, and sister Emily, 5, and family friend Corie Heistad, 5, spy Santa at the Didsbury Train Station during Didsbury's Country Christmas Nov. 30. Santa visited with children and had his picture taken to kick off the Christmas shopping season.

Carla Victor/Didsbury Review



Josh Skapin/Didsbury Review

Sean Hogan's Canadian Country Christmas tour brought approximately 200 fans to the multi-purpose room at the Didsbury Memorial Centre last Thursday.

Above (left) Hogan performs for the enthusiastic crowd.

Above (right) Samantha King shows off some of her latest work. (left) Proceeds from the event were donated to the Mountain View Food Bank.

Gord Leeson from Royal Lepage Wild Rose presents Pat Graham of the Mountain View Food Bank with a cheque worth \$1,000. Also pictured are the other event organizers, Melanie Hepp, Lyle Stevenson of Stevenson Homes and Brian Hepp from CKFM Radio (right).

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SUBWAY

Colts drop three straight

Focus an issue says coach

BY JOSH SKAPIN
Didsbury Review

The Mountain View Colts are in the midst of a losing skid.

And according to head coach Cliff Murphy, their string of losses that has now reached three games is not thanks to a lack of talent, but rather his players staying focused on the task for a full game.

Their latest defeat came at the hands of the Okotoks Bisons, who edged them 4-3 in overtime at the Didsbury Memorial Complex Dec. 1.

The Bisons are a perennial Heritage Junior B Hockey League powerhouse, noted for their full complement of offensive weapons – however, this season they have taken a step back and sit fourth in their division.

The Colts were kicking and snorting to start the game, locking the Bisons to just a single goal and few offensive opportunities in the first period and a half.

But Murphy says half way through the contest, his horses went from galloping to clip-clopping up the ice.

"We've been talking with the boys," said Murphy. "They seem to play for periods at a time, but then they lose focus."

The Colts' first appearance on the scoresheet wasn't until 15:04 of the third period, when Korie Freeman made the game 2-1.

In the next four minutes, the Colts would add two

more goals, from Pat Turville and Eric Becker, to take over the lead.

With Didsbury seemingly primed to buck their losing ways, Bisons sniper Jeff Derwent put the puck past Colts netminder Evan Miller with only 50 seconds left in regulation.

Murphy was pleased by his charges and their work in the extra session, but the Bisons continued to steal Didsbury's thunder, finishing the job at 3:21 into overtime.

The team's slide started with a loss to the Rimley Rock Nov. 21.

Rimley, known for their rough play rather than their skill, flushed the Colts 4-2.

The Colts badly outplayed their inferior opponents, whipping them on the shot clock 65-28.

Carstairs native James Bullock opened the scoring and the team's top scorer Jeff Clazie added one of his own.

But, with Rimley goaltender Zach Cross stepping up with a sublime performance, little else could be done.

"It was a matter of our players getting all over their goaltender early in the game, but he made some big stops," said Murphy. "Our guys started squeezing their sticks a bit too tight."

Two days later, the Colts ventured to Three Hills to test themselves against one of the hottest teams in the league this season, the Thrashers.

Three Hills made short work of the Colts, blasting them by a final score of 8-3.

Clazie, Mike Arnold, and Luke Tannas looked after the scoring work for Didsbury.

Colts keeper Jason Arnason saw 54 shots in the loss. Mountain View's next game isn't for two weeks, when they host the Stettler Lightning at the Didsbury Memorial Complex Dec. 14.

Bantam Ramblers king at home tournament

Lefebvre's buzzer-beater bumps Innisfail

BY JOSH SKAPIN
Didsbury Review

The Didsbury Bantam Ramblers stole the show during their home tournament at the

Didsbury Memorial Complex last weekend.

Following two occurrences of last-minute heroics, the Ramblers finished as tournament champions.

Didsbury met Innisfail in the final, dropping the visitors by a final score of 4-3.

The final contest was a tight battle and appeared headed for overtime, when the crafty James Lefebvre gave Innisfail a reason to leave early.

Lefebvre took control of the puck behind the opposition net, stretching in front from a wrap-around goal with less than a second left on the clock.

"It was a close, very well-played game," said Ramblers head coach Gord Kerr.

The other eleventh hour strike came with two seconds left in a round-robin match against Rimley.

"We played well as a team offensively and defensively, the goalies played well," said Kerr.

"Even though we got down on a couple of them, they fought back."

Kerr said the tournament overall was well-matched with many of the matches ending within one or two goals.

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Pastor Trevor Knaka, info - 337-2020

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Pastor Elwin Garland

For more information ph. - 335-4451

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Church 335-3161 / Rev. 335-3656

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Small Group Bible Study meetings throughout the week.

Mountain View Evangelical

Missionary Church

14 km East of Didsbury — Pastor John Lucas

Office: 335-4422 • Home: 335-8923

Morning Worship - 11 a.m. • Sunday School - 10 a.m.

For information concerning the weekly activities

please call the Church Office.

St. Anthony's Catholic

2030 - 24 Ave. Didsbury

For more information please contact

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Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.

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SEE YOU IN CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

Kim Dick/
Didsbury Review

CARROT TOP - Didsbury's Adam Larson, known to his fans as Carrot, plasters his opponent in the title match at Stampede wrestling last weekend. Larson held him for the three count but the referee reversed the decision and Larson was left without the belt in his home ring.

Carrot returns home

BY JOSH SKAPIN
Didsbury Review

Adam Larson looks back on the past year, and can't help but realize how much he's grown.

At about this time, 12 months ago, Larson, a Didsbury High School graduate and former staff member at the Didsbury Memorial Complex made his hometown debut as a man many had never seen before.

Evan "Carrot" Adams is the alter ego Larson takes on when he steps between the ropes and into the squared circle, as a member of the famed Stampede Wrestling roster.

Nicknamed Carrot, because of the shade of his frizzy mop, Larson has embraced the persona, getting a tattoo of the orange vegetable on his arm.

The agile Larson and his fellow wrestlers are set to return to the multi-purpose room at the Didsbury Memorial Complex Dec. 8. In his Didsbury return, Larson will compete in a tag-team competition - which involves two wrestlers inside the ring, with each having the option to tag in a partner when the team needs a fresh body to take control of the contest.

Larson will join forces with Jimmy T, in a match against the Funky Bunch, a pairing from Edmonton.

Since the first time he marched down the aisle to the thunderous applause of his followers, Larson has developed greater ease with the idea of all eyes being on him.

"I try not to get too nervous," he said.

"You have to keep your mind clear."

Now, more than ever, Larson enjoys the crowd and his ability to energize the masses.

"I get the crowd going and they get into it pretty good," he said.

Since Didsbury fans last saw him, many things have changed - including the skyrocketing popularity of his high-flying character.

"I've really taken off since then," he said. "The crowd has gotten louder for me."

And with the success of a character comes new opportunities, including a three-week rein as young Lions Champion after thumping Brandon vanDanielson - a distinction he believes he'll

reacquire in the future.

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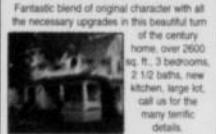
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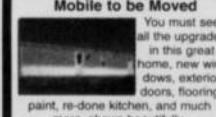
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Friday, December 7

This is Cribbage night at the 5-0 Club, play starts at 7 p.m. Coffee and goodies are served.

Saturday, December 8

There will be a Christmas Luncheon for Seniors 65+ at Zion Evangelical Missionary Church at noon. Tickets are available by phoning the church office 335-3629 in the week. This will be followed by the children's Christmas program on Sunday, December 9 at 10:45 a.m.

Hopefully you have your tickets for Theatre Didsbury's dinner theatre and comedy *No Hard Feelings* at the Elks Hall. Phone Derek 335-4777 (evenings).

Monday, December 10

The Didsbury Lifeline Society will meet at the town office at 10 a.m. You are welcome to attend and find out the details of having a Lifeline installed in your home.

Didsbury Branch of the B.P.O. Elks held their instal-

In and Around Didsbury

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lation of officers. Family and friends were present and the O.O. R. P. Ladies Drill Team did an excellent job of presenting the candidates to the front. The new Exalted Ruler is Brother Fred Bishop and the new secretary is Brother Bill Ward. I will have a complete list next week.

Lone Pine community members have started preparations for the New Year's Eve Supper and Dance on Dec. 31. There will be a live band on stage. Phone Bev at 335-4388 for more info.

Didsbury Christmas Services

1. Berghal Mennonite Church - Pastor Elwin Garland - 335-4451

Monday, December 24 - Choir Service

Tuesday, December 25 - Christmas Service 11 a.m. followed by a Christmas dinner for all - if you know someone or a family that will be alone, invite them.

2. Mountain View Evangelical Church - Pastor John Lucas - 335-4422

Saturday, December 15 - Community Christmas - Banquet at 6:30 p.m. at Lone Pine Hall, phone the church for more info.

Sunday, December 16 - Children's Christmas Program at 10 a.m.

Monday, December 24 - Candlelight Service 7 p.m.

3. Redeemer Lutheran Church - Reverend Robert Mohns - 335-3161

December 21, 22 & 23 at 7:30 p.m. each night Live nativity at the church

Monday, December 24 - Service at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 25 - Christmas Service 10:30 a.m.

4. St. Anthony's Catholic Church

Monday, December 24 - Mass will be celebrated in the MP Room at the Complex at 8 p.m. Phone Claude Baril 335-3842 for more info.

5. Knox United Church - Reverend Nancy Nourse - 335-8373

Sunday, December 9 - White Gift Sunday - money or food items for school - Westglen Breakfast Programs and Ross Ford Lunch Cupboard.

Sunday, December 16 - Choir Contata 10 a.m.

Thursday, December 20 - 7 p.m. Blue Christmas.

Monday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Services, at 7 p.m. stories and carols, & 9 p.m. candlelight and communion.

6. Zion Evangelical Missionary Church - Senior Pastor - Mike Morgan 335-3629.

Sunday, December 16 - Adult Christmas Choir/Drama Program 10:45 a.m.

Monday, December 24 - Candlelight Service 7 p.m. Chinook Winds Christian Centre - Pastor Beth Kope 335-3551

December 14 - Banquet Dinner 6:30 pm, tickets phone the church.

December 16 - Family Christmas Party 6 p.m.

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9525.

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DIDSBUY YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE'S next meeting is set for December 3, 2007. All persons interested in volunteering and helping to work with the youth in our community are encouraged to come. for location and time please call 335-1975. ttn

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Grocery stores, restaurants under trans fat ban

BY LEA SMALDON
Review Staff

Local grocery stores have been given more time to comply with stringent new restrictions on trans fat content in food, but restaurants are still on the hook for a January implementation date.

The CHR board officially approved a staged plan last Wednesday that will force any restaurants in Carstairs, Didsbury or other municipality under the jurisdiction of the CHR, to use minimal trans fats in cooking effective Jan. 1.

"The evidence demonstrating the dangers of artificial trans fat simply cannot be ignored," says Dr. Brent Friesen, Calgary Health Region medical officer of health.

Consumption of trans fat increases the risk of heart disease and stroke more than any other food component, he added.

Research suggests replacing trans fat with unsaturated fat could prevent between six and 22 per cent of heart disease-related conditions within the region, he added.

Artificial trans fat is produced by a process called hydrogenation that changes liquid oils into solid fats. Products that have the most artificial trans fat include hard margarines,

vegetable shortening, and certain frying oils.

A recent survey of more than 400 food permit holders within the health region found that a majority had already switched to meet the requirements.

Hunter's Country Kitchen owner Glenda Hunter-Craig said since opening five years ago, she has never used oils for cooking or deep frying that contained trans fat.

"It was a conscious decision. It had nothing to do with health. It to do with taste," she said.

Using a trans fat free oil can be more expensive, she said, which is why some restaurant owners may not be happy with the change.

Hunter-Craig said she is in favour of healthy alternatives but takes issue with the health region mandating the change.

"Do I agree with it? No. We've all got a choice in what we eat and we all should be able to make a choice. It's just another example of government getting into business where they don't belong," said Hunter-Craig.

The health region is aiming to be the first jurisdiction in Canada to ban artificial trans fat in food.

Health inspectors will issue violations to restaurants that are using hydrogenated margarine, oils, or shortenings used for deep frying-frying, sautéing, or grilling if it has a trans fat

content of more than two per cent of total fat content starting next month.

The same content restriction applies to hydrogenated margarines, oils or shortenings used as a spread on sandwiches, vegetables, potatoes, rice and other foods.

Grocery stores and any other businesses that have a Food Operating Permit from the CHR will also face trans fat restrictions in phase two of the implementation plan, although they will have a bit of reprieve in the timelines.

"What we heard back was phase two wasn't a realistic timeline," said CHR spokesperson Leanne Dohy.

Instead of January 2009, grocery stores and other food permit holders will have until the summer of 2009 to comply with new requirements.

After that time, food permit holders can no longer store, serve, use, or sell any food that contains partially hydrogenated oils, shortenings, or margarines unless they can prove the trans fat content is less than five per cent of total fat content.

Reaction from grocery stores and food suppliers has been mostly positive, said Dohy.

"It's the flaky pastries we're having trouble with. There's not an identified alternative (oil) yet," she said.

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The Silver Sage Riders 4H Club is back in action as of October 2007. Our organizational meeting was on Oct. 28 at Jackson's Bar 2J. Elected as our new president is Stina Nagel, who was voted in by acclamation. Backing up the head officer as vice-president is Deena Dursting. Secretary and treasurer are Lyndsey Martin and Taylor Laut, respectively. We have a new general leader, Kim Osterman. The club was also excited to welcome a new face to the group. Cassidy Wise is our newest and youngest member and we are very excited to have her on board!

In the next few months a lot will be happening within our club, so don't be surprised to see us out and about. Starting in November, we will be running a Christmas tree fundraiser. For this year's fundraiser, we will be pre-selling Douglas firs, the Cadillac of Christmas trees. We will also have a sales lot at the Carstairs Co-op the first two weekends in December. Our Christmas spirit has also been extended

out to the community. In November, we collected winter coats for the Rocky View Family Center Jacket Racket. Last week our donation of seven bags of coats overwhelmed the Crossfield town office. This week, we will be baking cookies to donate to the Tom Baker Society. The cookie bake is an annual event, and last year, we came in with the second most cookies; this year, we're going for the gold! To wrap up the holiday season, our 4-H Christmas party will be on December 16 at the Nagel's house.

Before the cold weather and snow sets in, we are planning to have several rides at Jackson's arena. Our ever-faithful and dedicated riding instructor, Lynn Boake, will also be instructing at the Olds Kiwanis Pavilion. We're especially excited for this treat since the arena is heated! Muffy Knox will be teaching a clinic on December 16 in Olds, and we are planning on attending as a club.

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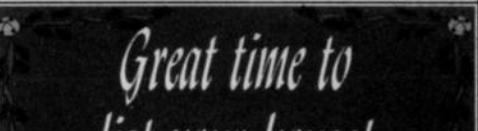


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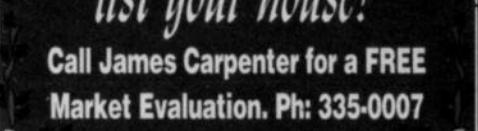
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